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Amvets Gets Charter

Mayor Gordon Johnston gives his welcome to the recently chartered Amvets Post No. 4 in his office, along with the Mayor is Councilman Harold Moss.

The Amvets Post No. 4 received its official charter at the State Convention May 22 at the Amvets Hall Post No. 1.

Pro-Tem Commanders No. 1 Roger O. Laskey, 2 Charles Horne, 3 Carlton B. Tucker, Adjutant Alonzo Foote, Treasurer Harold Bond, Public Relations C.E. Brooks, Program Chairman Axel Cain.

Schools To Teach African Heritage Courses

Special federal funds for materials for new curriculum offerings on "The Cities" in two high schools and on "African Heritage" in the district's junior high schools have been assured Tacoma Public Schools, district officials announced today.

The district has been assured of $24,000 in funds under Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The urban life course includes a student interchange at Lincoln and Wilson High Schools and the Charles Wright Academy. Students from the three schools will investigate the cultural opportunities of the city, attend concerts, visit museums and have a regular opportunity to discuss with each other various issues.

A goal of the program is to give students an opportunity to develop sensititivity to and respect for the racial, economic and political differences which exist between the peoples of a city, Dr. Joseph Wheeler, director of cultural arts for the district, said.

The African Heritage course will provide an extensive set of materials which will be available to junior high schools on a loan basis to integrate black history, culture and life styles into the regular junior high curriculum.

NEW ART MUSEUM FOR TACOMA

Tacoma's new Art Museum was opened last week amid ceremonies attended by Governor Daniel Evans. The new museum is situated at S. 12th and Pacific.

A special eshibit valued at more than a million dollars has been assembled as part of the museum's inaugaration. The display will run through June.

Admission is free, hours 10-4 Mondays through Saturdays and 12-5 Sundays.

City Council Up For Grabs

Political observers here in Tacoma will tell you it's not just the weather that's going to heat up as we head into the summer. Fact of the matter is that the City is going to have one of the most "wide-open" elections in history this coming November, and already candidates and would-be candidates are flapping their political wings.

Ron Pretti, recently resigned his post as state aeronautical director and announced he would oppose incumbent Mayor Gordon Johnston. Pretti had asked to be kept on the state payroll until September. However, commissioners accepted the resignation unanimously and instantly.

The City Council is in an unusual position. Five of its members were appointed after Tacoma citizens recalled the so-called "Majority Five" in a bitter and protrracted special election. All five, according t o state law, must stand for reelection this November.

Of the three hold-over members (the minority that wasn't recalled) two have to stand for reelection this Novc nber.

To round things off, the only council member who could continue through November, John Jarstad, recently sold his business here in Tacoma and is reported planning moving elsewhere.

So, there's a possibility that all eight council seats will be on the block in November along with the Mayor's.

As expected, A. E. "Slim" Rasmussen, former mayor, has announced he will run but has not decided for what. No word has yet been received on whether any of the recalled Majority Five may try again, but in the confused situation it would not be unlikely.

Local Property Taxes Up, And Away!

County Assessor Ken Johnston announced that statements of reappraisal averaging an increase of 210% were sent out to 35,000 property-owners in the Gig Harbor area and parts of Fircrest.

Some reassessments were considerably higher than 210%. Some properties in the Peninsula School District have been reassessed at over 1,000% their former valuation. A section in the Gig Harbor went up from $1.3 million to $7.8 million, an average increase of 481%.

The reassessments were performed by an out of state firm, Cole, Layer and Trimble under a contract with Pierce County.

Assessments on Fox Island went from $2.5 million to $6.8.

Johnston was quoted as saying "all hell will break loose" when property-owners in the areas learn about the reassessments.

FACTS NEWS SCOPE

NEWS REVIEW

Tacoma, Wash.

WORLD AND NATIONAL

THE U.S. SENATE defeated a proposed military pay and allowance increase, part of a plan for an all-volunteer armed force.

SOVIET PRESIDENT Podgorny and Egyptian President Sadat signed a 15-year military alliance treaty.

BOBBY SEALE, co-founder of the Black Panther Pa rty, was freed on bond after 21 months in prison and two mistrials.

CHOLERA has broken out among the millions of Bengali who have taken refuge in India from strife-torn Pakistan. An estimated 350 perished of the dreaded disease this weekend alone.

THE SOVIET SST, the TU144, and the British-French entry, the Concorde, were on display side-by-side at the Paris Air Show.

TWENTY-THREE BODIES have so far been recovered from shallow graves in a gruesome machete-slaying in Yuba City, California. A suspect is held.

IN CAMBODIA Communist forces claimed a a major victory over South Vietnamese troops. One thousand five hundred Saigon troops were reported killed, 300 captured.

A PAPAL COMMISSION in Vatican City upheld "the right to dissent" and said conscientious objection should be recognized internationally.

COL. OREN HENDERSON, charged along with Lt. William Calley in the My Lai massacre, claimed that every large U.S. combat unit in Vietnam had committed similar atrocities.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL

GOV. DANIEL EVANS was in Tacoma for the opening of the new Art Museum at 12th and Pacific.

THE BOING COMPANY received an $81.7 million Air Force contract to build 19 advanced 737s.

COUNTY ASSESSOR Ken Johnston has asked Pierce County's two private universities --PLU and UPS--to pay three years of taxes.

THE GOVERNOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION has been left penniless by the Legislature for the next two years.

THE JOBS NOW program, left without funds by the legislature, might be funded by a motor vehicle fuel tax, according to Governor Evans.

--JOHN EVANS

Hire A Kid

The Hilltop Multi-Service Center in conjunction with the MDC Information Center, will sponsor a summer job referral program for youths ages 13-15. Anyone having odd jobs that can be done by youths in this age bracket may call BR 2-2138 or GR 5-4588 and a qualified youth will be referred to you. Lawn care, car washing, house cleaning and baby sitting jobs are especially desired. Both Centers operate from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Voters Wanted.

Bob White, president of the Citizens Political Interest Club, has announced the C.P.I.C. Voter Registration drive is now underway.

White said the drive will be one of the largest in city history, part of a statewide voter registration campaign.

He added he hopes to register 2,500 qualified voters and have them ready to vote in the 1972 state and national elections. He also said he will be asking for cooperation of the Hilltop Jaycees, Tacoma Urban League and the Tacoma Urban Coalition and for the help of any other organizations which wish to help and for the help of any individuals.

Helpers may telephone White at BR 2-9551.

Tacoma Public Schools Steering Group Issues Recommendations

Following is a copy of recommendations for action to the Tacoma School District board of directors from the Education for the 70's steering committee. They are based on a community opinion survey. They fall into three basic categories--recommendations to continue or expand existing programs receiving high public support, others not to embark on some programs which the public disapproves, and still others to study and publicize others about which the public is confused.

It is released by Harold R. Snodgrass, school system publications director.

I.

A. The results of the E-70 survey indicate that the public strongly supports Student information about drug abuse. The committee recommends that the Board give high priority to further development of the School District's comprehensive drug abuse program in grades K-12.

B. The results of the E-70 survey indicate that the public strongly supports instruction in health and human reproduction. The committee recommends that the Boax give high priority to the improvement and expansion of instruction in health and human reproduction for all students. The committee further recommends that the position of director of health education be filled to assist in the development of a comprehensive health curriculum, to include drug abuse, health and human reproduction.

C. The results of the E-70 survey indicate that the public strongly supports new approaches to instruction:

Item 16 - use of teacher aides
Item 24 - individualized instruction
Item 25 - uniformity of instruction
Item 45 - community learning situations
Item 46 - experimentation and evaluation of new educational methods.

The committee recommends the continuation and expansion of the basic goal of individualization of instruction. It further recommends that the Board pursue this goal through experimentation and evaluation of new educational methods, such as community learning situations and the use of paid and voluntary aides. The Board should insure that such experimentation and individualization of the educational program should be well-planned and have program continuity.

D. The results of the E-70 survey indicate that the public strongly supports programs for the disadvantaged:

Item 51 - educational opportunities for the dropout
Item 52 - educational opportunities for the disadvantaged
Item 57 - special services for handicapped students

The committee recommends that present educational opportunities for disadvantaged, handicapped and dropout students be maintained and that the District endeavor to expand existong programs and/or develop new programs to meet the needs of these students.

E. The results of the E-70 survey indicate that the public strongly supports student regulations:

Item 19 - need for district dress code and grooming rules
Item 21 - dress and grooming rules developed by representative group.

The committee recommends that the School Board continue to involve parents, students, teachers and school administrators in the development and updating of district-wide dress and grooming regulations.

F.

The results of the E-70 survey indicate that the public strongly supports morality and social values instruction.

The committee recommends that the school directors be aware that the public gives strong support to the need for instruction of morality and social values.

II.

A. Based on the E-70 survey, the public is not in favor of providing free hot lunches for all students. The steering committee recommends that no free hot lunch program for all students should be established at this time.

B. Based on the E-70 survey, the publis is not in fav or of financing a 12-month educational program. The steering committee recom= mends that the school directors not provide additional money at this time to enable the schools to offer students a 12-month educat ional program.

C. Based on the E-70 survey, the public is not in favor of busing to achieve school integration of racial minorities. The steering committee recommends that the School Board continue to achieve racial desegregation by voluntary enrollment based on an innovative program approach.

D. Based on the E-70 survey, the public is not in favor of programs for all three and four-year olds. The steering committee recommends that the Board be aware that the public at this time does not support educational programs for all three and four-year old children.

E. Based on the E-70 survey, the publis is not in favor of open campus. Since the school directors established the rights, responsibilities, regulations committee to study policies affecting students, including the issue of open or closed campus, this steering committee recomends the school directors give serious consideration to the recommendations of that committee on this issue.

III.

A. The Board should be advised that the public feels the Tacoma Public Schools do a good job in preparing students for college. The public feels that the Tacoma Public Schools do a good job preparing students who plan to attend college.

B. The Board should be advised that the public feels the Tacoma Public Schools do a good job in preparing students for business or vocational-technical schools. The public feels that the Tacoma Public Schools do a good job in preparing students who are planning on entering business or vocational-technical schools.

C. The Board should be advised that the public feels the Tacoma Public Schools do a good job in general. The public feels that in general students in the Tacoma Public Schools are receiving a good education.

IV.

A. The following is recommended to the Board for study, which would culminate in recommendations for action relating to effectiveness in removing inadequate personnel. Since the public does not feel the Tacoma Public Schools are effective in removing inadequate teachers and administrators, the steering committee recommends the school directors review the existing procedures for removing inadequate teachers and administrators and take appropriate action to 1) improve the implementation of existing procedures or 2) to develop new procedures.

B. The following is recommended to the Board for study, which would culminate in recommendations for action relating to basic building plans for new school construction. Since the public indicated that it strongly favors the use of basic building plans, the steering committee recommends that a citizens' committee with supportive services provided by the school administration should be appointed to carefully study all aspects of t his approach to new school construction.

C. The following is recommended to the Board for study, which would culminate in recommendations for action relating to administrative salaries. The results of the E-70 survey indicate a large percentage of the public does not have enough information to express an opinion about administrative salaries. Of those who responded to questions on administrative salaries, the majority felt administrative salaries were high or too high; therefore, the committee recommends that a committee be appointed to make a study of the administrative salary schedule to ascertain how Tacoma's schedule compares with other administrative salary schedules in business and industry, as well as other educational institutions of comparable size and responsibility at the national and state level.

E-70 PHASE II

It is the committee's recommendation that a Phase II steering committee be appointed to continue the task begun by the 1970-71 committee. The committee specifically recommends that a Phase II committee again include broad representation from the P.-T.A., the school administration and other community groups. The Phase II committee should continue to inform the public of the results of the survey of community opinion, and to seek ways of improving the level of public information and knowledge of their schools, as well as to seek ways of broadening the involvement of citizens in their public schools.

— DON'T INVITE BURGLARS —

THIS IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES ABOUT HOME PROTECTION

SO READ AND HEED

Tacoma Police Chief Lyle E. Smith and convicted burglar Robert E. Barnes may be on opposite ends of the spectrum, but they are in agreement on one thing: in many cases it is the homeowner's carelessness or ignorance that almost invites the burglar in. As Chief Smith told The Tacoma FACTS, even lone burglars usually have an accomplice--the home owner who simply did not take the basic steps to keep burglars out.

In a book ("Are You Safe From Burglars?") he penned, appropriately while in prison in Maryland, Robert Barnes, a professional burglar for most of his adult life, sounded a similar note. Noting the "clues" victims gave that their house was unoccupied and ready for burglars, Barnes says, "In a way this makes a property owner a sort of partner with the housebreaker."

With the good weather of late spring or summer setting in, more and more people will be leaving for weekends and vacations. This is the season for burglars as well as trout, for nothing is more inviting than a house that has been left unoccupied. Most burglars will "work" only on houses that have been left temporarily unattended, and a good part of a burglar's daylight hours are spent cruising around a neighborhood, looking for clues that indicate a house will be empty that evening--when he breaks in. What does he look for? What are the tip-offs for burglars?

The first thing a burglar looks for is that "closed-down" look a house can have when its occupants have left for the weekend. For instance, all the shades may be pulled down, or the draperies pulled tight, or the venitian blinds closed. This may be alright at night, but in the daytime it's a give-away that no one's home. Solution? Leave some of your shades or draperies partially opened.

Again, put yourself in the position of a cruising burglar. You see a house with five rolled newspapers on its front steps, letters jammed into the mailbox, and an Amazon-growth of grass on the front lawn.

The lesson should be clear: if you're going to be away for any considerable priod of time, make sure (1) your deliveries, such as newspapers are suspended, (2) your mail is held at the post office, and (3) someone, perhaps a neighborhood child, mows your oawn regularly. Otherwise, expect the surprise of your life when you return!

Along that same line, it doesn't hurt to call the Tacoma Police before you leave. The police will watch your house with extra care while you are gone.

Don't forget windows, either. Most people lock their first level windows and forget completely about second or third level windows. You might not have any desire to climb twenty feet to get to a second level window but a burglar can. It's his job, after all.

Burglars like to work in the dark, so, consider leaving your lights on when you are away It may cost a few cents extra. But it may save you hundreds of dollars in the end. A single light in the living room is not good. Our professional burglar, Barnes advises, keeping a light on in your bedroom. Potential burglars might conclude that you are still awake, perhaps reading late. Another good bet is the bathroom. People do spend a lot of time in their bathrooms at night, and this can scare a burglar away.

Even your trash cans can be a clue to a smart burglar. If they've been empty or knocked over for some time a burglar can conclude no one is around. Best policy is to take your cans into your house while you are away.

Burglars don't strike simply after people on vacation, however. If you're away at work or for a few hours in the evening, your home may still be a target for an enterprising thief. In a hurry, people sometimes still leave doors unlocked. Notes on the front door -- "Tom, Gone to see Beverly. Be back at 7 p.m."are dead giveaways.

Our next installment will deal with locks, and what you should know about them. Some door locks are so simple any burglar can sail in after a few moments of tinkering. Other locks scare even professional burglars away. Don't miss our next issue when we show you which are which!

--JOHN EVANS

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YDCC. Hopeful But Hurting

YDCC -- it's the Youth Development and Conservation Corps, part of the State Parks and Recreation Commission. YDCC--it's also a unique way troubled teenagers can get away from high-pressure urban environments and do something const ructive with their overflowing youthful energy.

YDCC has left its constructive mark on everyone of our state parks, from Millersylvania to Lake Easton, Birch Bay to Fort Casey. Their accomplishments since the program's inception in 1961 are indeed impressive: they have cleared hundreds of campsites, built footbridges, cut and stacked hundreds of cords of firewood, repaired and painted state park buildings, cleared miles of roads and trails, reforested entire areas with trees, cleaned up state, county and city parks, installed drainage systems, performed landscaping, repaired storm damage, remodeled a lighthouse, built bulkheads and boat ramps, erected and fixed fences, and much, much more.

Two things are literally amazing about the YDCC program: First, all this is being accomplished by teenagers (under adult supervision), kids who have for one reason or another had to be placed in the state's custody. With such unfortunate backgrounds, one wouldn't expect them to have accomplished year-after-year the man-sized jobs they have.

Secondly, despite the enormous benefit to the state and its outdoor recreation program, the program is being cut mercilessly as part of a supposed economy drive in Olympia.

And yet the need is definitely for more, not less, recreational opportunities in Washington. Just last week, over the Memorial Day weekend three state parks were overflowing (and closed) by Friday evening.

To find out the story behind the YDCC and its current financial difficulties, Tacoma FACTS photographer Jim Henderson and staff member John Evans spent a day at Fort Flagler State Park where a YDCC team is active in repainting park buildings. Also present for the day were Tacoma Municipal Judge Rowland, YCDD chief David Reynaud, and Community Lab director Dan Lazare.

The twelve b oys at Fort Flagler are from all over the state. They live in a comfortable and roomy house operated by a genial couple in their fifties who spent five years with the Peace Corps in Guatemala. The boys we spoke with indicated in a number of ways their enthusiasm for the YDCC project.

At present there is only one other YDCC project, at Birth Bay state camp.

Reymaud told The FACTS he had been hopeful more money could be funded for the program so more projects could take place. He spoke longingly of a day programs in which teenagers from urban centers could be brought out for the day to nearby state parks. Because of state cutbacks, however, the picture is bleak.

Reynaud stressed it is in the state's interest to sponsor more YDCC activities. Although the teenagers are paid for their work by the state the value of their projects in terms of what it would cost if contracted to private industry is clearly on the state's side of the ledger.

Above all, Reynaud indicated the value of the teenagers of getting away, if only for a few weeks, from their prior environments. That in itself would be worth the cost of the entire program, he indicated.

After a day at Fort Flagler, we agree wholeheartedly.

--JOHN EVANS.

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Volunteer Bureau

The Volunteer Bureau of Tacoma, a division of United Good Neighbors, is seeking to recruit teenagers to fill the summertime volunteers needs of day camp and recreation centers, special education programs, hospital and nursing homes, health agencies, group service to handicapped and retarded children, and senion citizens programs.

Young people between 14 and 19 are encouraged to give volunteer work a try. Mrs. Robert Hash, director of the Volunteer Bureau, says, "A few hours a week to do volunteer work can reward the student with a great feeling of accomplishing something for others as well as providing experience in about any field desired, improving his chances for future employment."

Examples of needs for volunteers that can be met by students during the coming summer include assistants in day camps, craft and playground leaders, swim instructors for handicapped children, tutors for youngsters in summer learning experiences, aides in hospitals and convalescent homes with elderly patients and residents, day care centers teachers' aides, general office work in agencies' offices, and hobbyrama programs.

One teenager expresses it this way: "I am 17 and need to be needed as all of us do. I would like to do volunteer work. I am not afraid to work to my capacity, even though the capacity may be small."

All teenagers interested in volunteer work can secure further information on these programs by calling the Volunteer Bureau, which is in U. G. N. headquarters.

Tacoma Urban League Outreach Program

'Minority Construction Workers'

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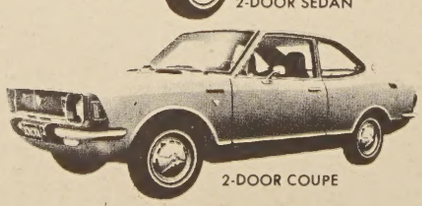

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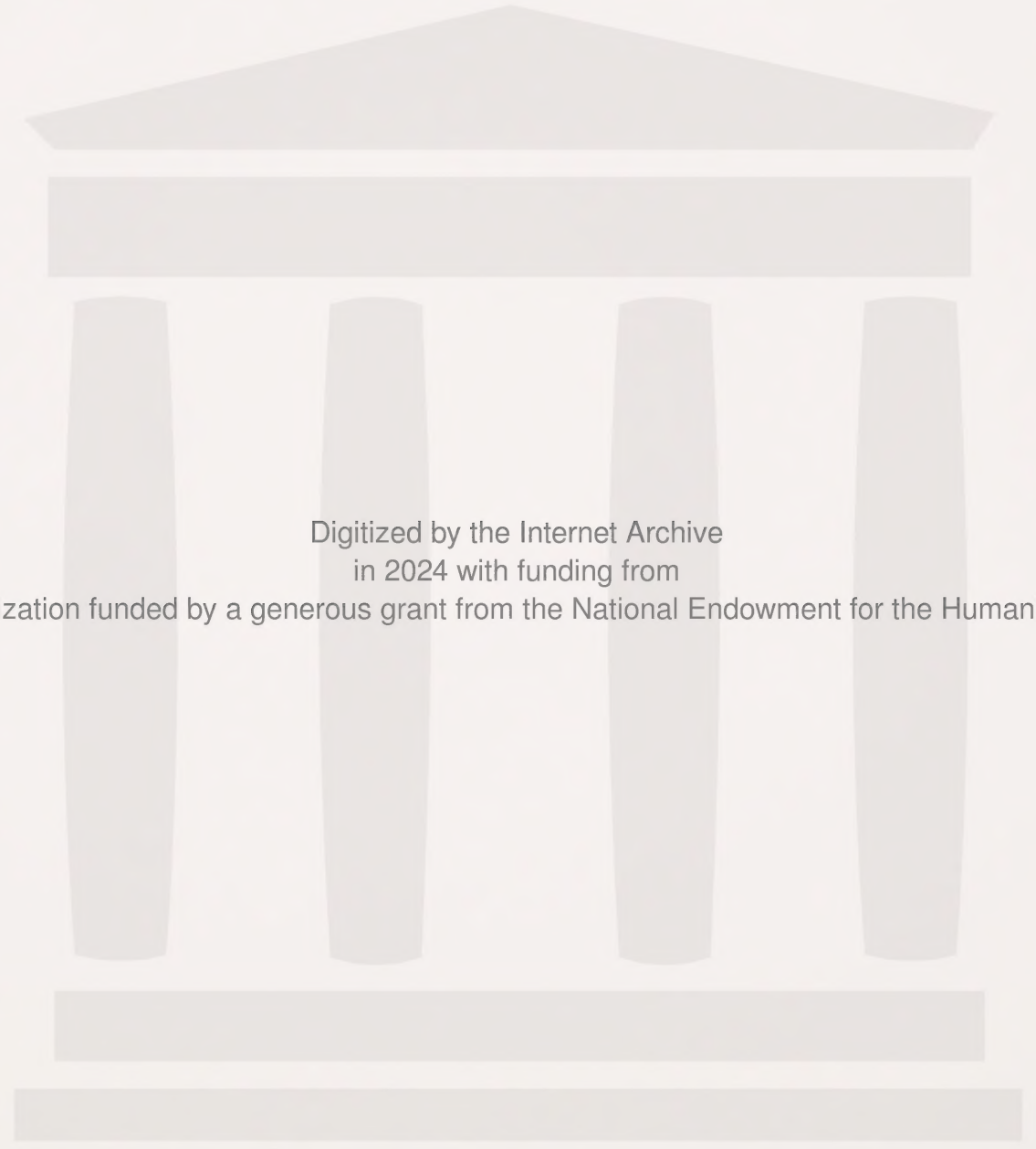

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Social Jotting By

Lill & Teri

The "Togetherness" that The Tacoma Urban League produced at their third annual meeting presented a feeling of greater things to come. From the card carring member to Mr. Thomas Dixon, Executive Director, is commended for a job well done.

The prime speaker of the evening was Mr. Henry A. Talbert, Western Regional Director of the National Urban League.

A very important point that Mr. Talbert made was the progress made in Education, Employment and Housing, subsequent to the "1954" Supreme Court School Desegregation Decision. Before this great ruling, he stated that Segregation had been a way of life. Congratulations to Mr. Melvin Connerly, Dr. George Tanbara and the city Assn. of Colored Women's Club for outstanding community service... Mr. Robert (Bob) Ford was dynmic as usual in his role as master of ceremony at the Tacoma Urban League Banquet. Congratulations to Richard (Ricky) Fox who graduated from Belleamine Prep.... A great party, The Shoffners (Leesa and Doug) gave.

It was loads of fun (give another "bash" soon-The Se's)

We understand that Sorors of "Kappa Theta Rho" are planning a vacation together this month. Where are they going???

Congratulations To All Graduates. "Right on" to a school of a "higher learning". Education is so important (Se's)

FAMILY AND INTERGENERATIONAL WORK SHOP

A family relationship workshop sponsored by the Model Cities Educational Planning Council is open to teanagers and adults from the model cities neighborhood.

The date is Saturday, June 5, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at St. John Baptist Church, 2001 So. "J".

Mrs. Terri Cato, chairman of the workshop, states the purpose: (1) To promote better communication and relationship between youth and adults, (2) To facilitate better interpersonal communication, especially listening skills, (3) To "bridge the gap" through more understanding.

In charge of the Saturday session Mrs. Claudia Thomas, Tacoma resident for nine years, and a team of Kent Communication Consultants.

Other members of the team are Mrs. Dee McGuiness, Mr. Don Campbell and Mr. Charlie Denny.

Refreshments will be served, which will include a lunch, free of charge. Mrs. Lynn Jacobs is chairman of refreshments.

Mr. Frank Russell, Director of Model Cities, said interested youth or adults should call the model cities office for further information.

News From Lakewood Community Players

June 28 is the annual meeting of the Players and at this time the final selection of plays is announced, and a new Board of Control members elected.

Ray Wheeler and Jim Reynolds have completed their two years of board service, leaving Katie Monaghan, Ron Schmitt and Carlton Seidel to be joined by two new members.

It would help everyone concerned if you'd mention your suggestions for new members at the May 17 meeting.

Players who are interested in the Theatre in general and in Lakewood Players in particular and who would take the time and initiative to make some good decisions for us.

Remember our hopes of sharing season ticket admissions with those of Tacoma Little Theatre--buy one at either theater, good for admission at the other. This can be worked out this summer by the new board of control.

Black Comedy and White Lies has been cast, members of the cast include Jerry Sandstedt, Chris Syllinge, Pamela Reed, Vicki Parrish, Mike Nesteroff, Karen Havnar, Dale Westgaard, and Ken Olson. Production will be managed by Ron Regier. He has need of a crystal ball among his properties. Have you got one to lend?

The play will open Friday, June 5, running through the usual three week-ends through June 19. Black Comedy is about an engaged couple at a party when the lights go out. White Lies is about a fortune teller at a seaside resort, both funnies by Peter Schaffer.

Lakewood Players Summer Stock and Rock Festival No. 2: Eve Reynolds reports that several people have asked her about the try-out dates and performance dates for this and she is working on it; for further information call Eve at home evenings BR 2 8239.

Jerry Foster, chairman of the play selection committee, has been moved to Chicago for the last two months. His committee duties have been assumed by Dale Westgaard. We miss Jerry and Eve has his address if you want to write to him. There's a wonderful summer theater-in-the-round near Chicago. I hope he can get into that.

Don't forget to come Monday night May 17 general meeting. N. BROWN JU 8 7886.

HAVE YA' HEARD .....
with Claude Scott, II

..... That, lovely nite-club singer, talented actress, and wife to ace modern drummer Max Roach, Abbey Lincoln, has been denied the movie role for which she remains a perfect natural; namely, title role in the, 'BILLIE HOLLIDAY STORY', currently being prepared for near-future filming. Lucious Abbey poured forth her miseries, over this outrageous slight, to this scribe, lovely L.A. school supervisor, Vera Mason, veteran movie comedian, Mantan Moreland, and long-time resteranteur & night-club chief, Tommy Tucker, ringside at Abbey's recent Club Parisene opening here in the Smog-Capitol .... a star-studded sellout -- (saw four Portland-ites).

Who is being cast (MIS-CAST) as the late 'Lady Day? Ex-Supreme Diana Ross? This is like casting (Mis-casting) Bill Cosby in the title role of, 'The George Wallace Story!"

.....That, three Seattle-ites and four Tacoma-ians UNEXPECTEDLY dropped in on vivacious L.A. school supervisor, Ernestine Paschall's Friday Evening bash ... and transformed the St. Charles Pl. festivities into the seasons first real social bash -- real shades of Madrona Hill soirees.

.....That, ex-Seattle : A.M.E. pastor, and Civil Rights leader, John Hurst Adams -- current pastor of Grant Memorial A.M.E. Church, Los Angeles -- ON THE SURFACE, seems not to be a formiable candidate for the churches highest office (that of Bishop) ... at least not comparable to the unrelenting campaigning of the flambouyant, H. H. Brookins, pastor of First A.M.E. Church, Los Angeles. But, SEEMINGLY, is as far as it goes, for ... long before the final balloting begins in Dallas, Texas, during the 1972 General Conference, Seattle's one-time, "Engaging Redhead", is expected to employ a whole phanlax of organizational expertise long associated with the name ... JOHN HURST ADAMS. ADAMS AND BROOK'... WHAT A CONTEST! WHAT CONTESTANTS!

.....That, the hottest word in national political circles is to the effect that one of two expert power brokers (both black) -- Clevelands' Mayor Carl Stokes and Michigans' Congressman, John Conyers -- mayrun, AND BE ELECTED, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. Who, possibly, will they run with? Muskie and/or Kennedy, natch! Realization of the democratic dream moves just a little closer.

.....That, should Stan Dukes, Los Angeles Sportscaster, convicted of the slaying of his, now, ex-wife Faye's white paramour, win a new trial, the other side of the coin (detail wise) will be revealed WITHOUT chivalorous reservation ... with a very real possiblity of reversal of the standing second-degree murder conviction. Hither-to unrevealed details (except among intimates) are a real LU LU.

.....That, the best-kept word in black professional circles is to the effect that there is a silent, though persistent, exodus of teachers, social workers, business experts, writers, actors, etc. from the U.S.A. south of the border to Mexico ... THE LAND OF, "OLE'." Leaving for the land of tortillas Mariachia bands, and some of the Western hemisphere's most naturally beautiful women, within a matter of hours, this scribe looks forward eagerly to seeing many familiar faces ... THROWING THE 'BULL" ... SOUTH OF THE BORDER.

Heard, via the grapevine, that enough black Americans now reside south of the border to start three A.M.E. Churches, ... or ... one baptist Church. Will investigate the possibility while my over-due book for Vantage Press. All bout 'THE BLACK HOMBRES SOUTH OF THE BORDER' next month. 'Til then-

SCOTT ----------

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TO BE EQUAL

THE UNEQUAL SERVICES

By Lew Olive
Veterans Affairs Director
National Urban League

For far too long now, the armed services have been basking in their unearned reputations of being places in which black people can get fair treatment.

This reputation came about, in part, because the armed services were among the most integrated American institutions -- but that's a far cry from being havens of complete equality.

Recent incidents on several bases and in the combat zone have helped to alter the picture somewhat, and many top officers at the Pentagon and in the field are coming to realize that they'll have to do a lot more if the services' deeds are to match their inflated reputations.

As Representative Shirley Chisholm recently remarked: "The same complaints about training opportunities, promotions, assignments, and police brutality exist in Da Nang and Fort Bragg as they do in Main Street, U. S. A."

One key indicator that black servicemen have legitimate, unsolved complaints is the re-enlistment rate -- it's fallen from 22.3 percent in 1965 to 11.8 percent.

Black men get unequal treatment from the moment they face their draft boards and it continues long after they're mustered out of the service and return to civilian life.

The draft system is full of loopholes that middle-class whites take advantage of; loopholes unavailable to poor whites and blacks. One striking example is the medical deferment -- you might think that blacks would have higher rates of medical rejections since they suffer proportionately more from fewer medical services and health care.

Not so. Because poor blacks are less likely to have regular medical checkups, they don't have the medical records and doctor's advice that serve as a basis for medical deferments. So the medical rejection rate for whites is 34.6 percent, while for blacks, it's 24.5 percent.

Once in the services, blacks face racial discrimination in the form of abuses of the military system of justice, off-base housing bias, assignment and promotion policies, and a host of other categories.

Blacks are largely excluded from high command positions and are a smaller proportion of the officer corps than is justified. Only 3.9 percent of Army officers are drawn from minorities, despite the fact that blacks serve in the lower ranks far out of proportion to their share of the population.

One aspect of the Lt. Calley case that has escaped public notice was the fact that he was commissioned through Officer Candidate School with only one year of college. We have hundreds of young black college graduates serving as enlisted men who could be upgraded to officer rank and placed in leadership roles.

The recent appointment of the Navy's first black admiral was a major step forward, and that service, headed by Admiral Zumwalt, has given every indication of taking the lead in bringing equality to black seamen.

There are other signs of change and concern, too. A special investigating committee has presented Secretary of Defense Laird with sweeping proposals to eliminate bias in the services, and some branches have begun programs aimed at increasing the numbers of black offices and insuring a fair deal for black servicemen.

Black people have fought and died in every war this country has ever fought -- and we're dying in disproportionate numbers in Vietnam today. Young blacks are going to have to be convinced that the armed services offer more than a chance to die in a ugly war 10,000 miles away, or a chance to suffer the 20 percent unemployment rate of black veterans here at home.

The armed forces -- and the nation -- will have to create the reality, as well as the rhetoric, of equality if they are to escape the stigma of institutional racism that's beginning to stick to them.

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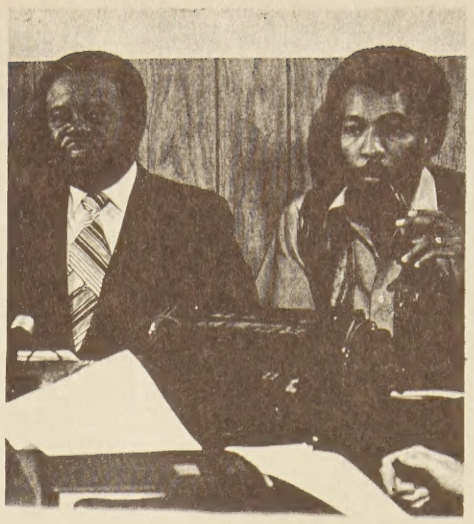

Abernathy Announces Appointment Of SCLC Executive Director

ATLANTA, Ga. - I am pleased to announce today the appointment of Mr. Stoney Cooks as Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. This appointment was approved last week, upon my recommendation, by the Personnel Committee of the SCLC Board of Directors, which is under the Chairmanship of Dr. J.E. Lowery. The appointment became effective on May 15th.

As Executive Director, Mr. Cooks is filling a key position in the organization. I am delighted that he has accepted this appointment because he has the experience, ability and dedication which are necessary for the vital role he will now play in SCLC.

As Executive Director, Mr. Cooks will be responsible for implementing the total program of SCLC and for supervising our entire staff.

Mr. Cooks joined SCLC in January 1965 as a Field Organizer. Since that time he has rendered distinguished service in every major SCLS movement and project. He has worked throughout the nation and has become a well known and respected figure in the broad movement for human rights and peace. In 1967, Mr. Cooks was appointed SCLC's Director of Student Affairs and named to our Executive Staff. He became Administrative Assistant to the President in 1968 - and from November 1970 until his new appointment, he served as our Director of Public Relations.

He is a native of Uniontown, Alabama and grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he received his elementary and high school education. He attended Anderson College in Anderson, Indiana before joining the Movement. He is 28 years old and married to the former Shirley Wright.

In appointing Mr. Cooks as Executive Director, our organization has the good fortune to have one of our most dedicated and conscientious workers in this position. I have the greatest faith and admiration for him. He has been a valued consultant and a close personal friend to me. I am confident that the organization will now move forward to greater heights with Mr. Cooks as our Executive Director.

CRIMINAL CONFESSIONS MAY BE PART OF CROSS EXAMINATION, COURT SAYS

Statements persons make to police after arrest and before being warned they have a right to be silent are admissiable in trials later for cross-examination of that person, the Washington State Supreme Court ruled this week in a great and important decision.

The ruling tends to arm prosecutors and the public with a right to ask a person accused about what he said when first arrested if he made the statement voluntarily and without being forced.

Every criminal and most other citizens now know a person apprehended has a right to be silent and to have a lawyer. This knowledge is so common that the Olympia court's decision indicates supreme courts at state level may no longer let men arrested talk, then regret it later as a technicality they delibera tely stage when first handcuffed or jailed.

The Court decision was made when it denied a petition of Robert J. Riddell. He is a prisoner at the State Penitentiary at Walla Walla. He said information he gave after arrest and before he was told he could be silent was used in trial cross examination later. This, he contended, was legal error and he should have a new trial or at least the old sentence be erased.

The Court listened at length, then said that such statements, even when they directly concern the man's guilt or innocense can be used on cross examination when they are not induced either by psychological or physical coercion.

YAMASHITA ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF T.C.C. TRUSTEES

The Rev. Robert Yamashita was elected last Thursday to the chairmanship of the Tacoma Community College Board of Trustees. He succeeds outgoing chairman John Binns.

Yamashita is very active in community affairs and projects. He is now executive director of the Tacoma Community House and member of the Human Relations Commission. Also, he serves on the Hilltop Neighorhood Improvement Council, the Metropolitan Development Council, and the Faith Home Board.

Special Church Service

The Sunday School of New Covenant Tabernacle, 1103 So. 23rd St., is sponsoring a special service June 6 at 3:30 p.m..

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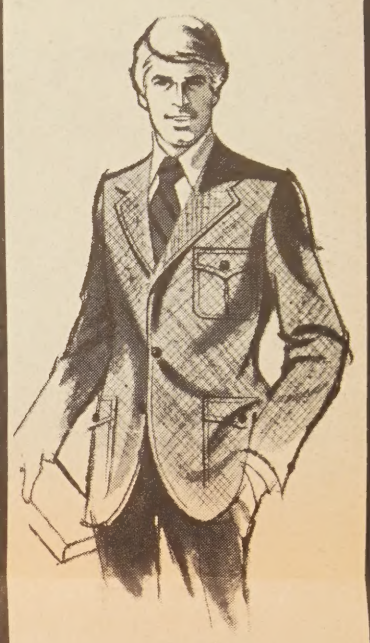

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Ogden Nash Lamented

Candy is dandy
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--That was poet Ogden Nash's humorous advice to a young man on the make. Along with thousands of other lines of wry and subtle verse, it endeared the man to a generation of Americans from all walks of life. Last week the fanciful versifier died at 68 in Baltimore. He left behind a monument of witty verses and unforgettable couplets:

If called by a panther
Don't anther.

Everyone knew Joyce Kilmer's sentimental "Trees". Few were prepared for Nash's revision:

I think that I shall never see
A billboard lovely as a tree.
Indeed, unless t he billboards fall,
I'll never see a tree at all.

It was characteristic of Nash's verse: witty and light, and yet pointed like Cupid's arrow. Indeed on the matter of marriage, he had a good point to make:

So I hope husbands and wives wisl continue to debate and combat ober everything debatable and combatable.
Because I believe a little incompatability is the spice of life, particularly if she has income and is pattable.

Ogden Nash will be missed.

--JOHN EVANS.

SMOOTH AS SILK -- Gladys Knight and the Pips (left to right , Edward Patten, William Guest and Merald Knight) show Detroiters the precision and style that makes their live performances so unforgettable.

YWCA Summer Excursions

Favorite Washington scenic attractions will be the destination for the summer excursions sponsored by the Tacoma-Pierce County YWCA.

The first trip in June will be around Hood Canal, Washington's beautiful inland waterway. Leaving the YWCA at 9 a.m. the bus will go through Purdy and Belfair to reach the southern end of Hood Canal. On the way past sandy beaches and lush forests, a stop for lunch will be made at Lake Cusnman, then continue on to cross the Hood Canal Floating Bridge and return via the Kitsap Penninsula, arriving back in Tacoma about 4:30 p.m..

July 8 the bus will circle Mt. Raineer revealing the spectacular scenery of Onanepecosh, Stevens Canyon and Paradise where a lunch stop will be made. Leave Tacoma at 9:15 a.m. and be back at 7 p.m..

July 16 will feature a trip to beautiful deep blue Lake Quinault on the Olympic Penninsula. Lunch will be served at Lake Quinault Lodge followed by a drive through the rain forests of ancient cedars and firs. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. and returns around 4:30 p.m..

July 23 brings a trip to Bellevue for the outdoor Arts and Cratts Fair. See outdoor exhibits and demonstrations of pottery making, weaving, macrome, batik and tye dying, painting and sketching and many other hand cratts.

In August three trips are planned. The first is a shopping trip to Lloyd Center in Portland. Shoppers may have lunch whereever they choose. Time is approximately 9 30 a.m. to 6 p.m..

Hurricane Ridge trip offers a spectatular view of the Olympic Mountain Range and the Straights of Juan de Fuca. Lunch will be served at the lodge on beautiful Lake Crescent. This trip offered Aug. 18, starting at 9 a.m. and returning around 5 p.m..

Final trip for the summer will be Aug. 29 with the world-famous Skagit Tour to Ross Lake and Ross and Diablo Dams. Bus will leave Tacoma at 9 a.m., dinner will be served there and return home will be approximately 10 p.m. and an escort home will be provided if necessary.

Registration for these trips and further information may be obtained by calling the YWCA, a UGN member agency.

Tacoman Climbs Worlds Highest Unscaled Peak

Ronald Fear, 27, of Tacoma, and three fellow expedition members became the first men to reach the summit of Dhaulagirl II, on May 18, according to the Associated Press.

At 25, 429 feet, Dhaulagirl II, located in an almost inaccessible part of Nepal, was the world's highest unscaled peak. Accompanying Fear on the historic climb were a Sherpa tribesman named Jagambu and two Austrians--Adolf Humber and Audie Weissensteiner.

Some idea of their accomplishment can be gathered from the fact that the men's base camp, from which they climbed to the peak over 12,000 feet above, was located at an altitude (13,000 feet) that nearly rivals Mount Rainier at 14,410 Washington's highest peak.

Dhaulagiri II towers more than a mile over the North American continent's highest mountain, Mount McKinley in Alaska, itself impressive at 20,320 feet.

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